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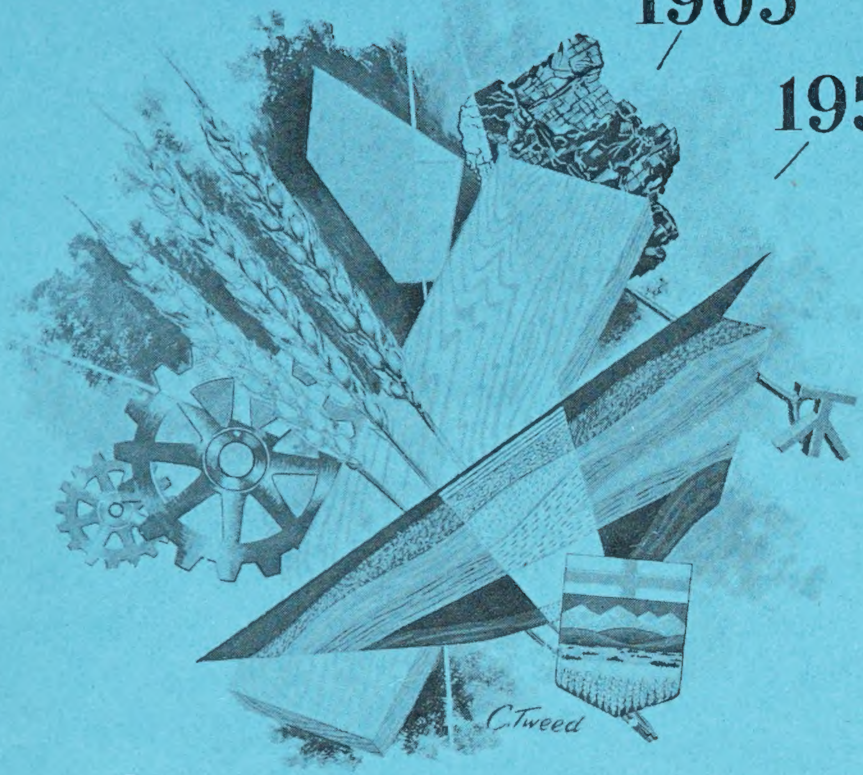

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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about September 1, 1955, they held 2,314 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, some 6 per cent greater than the 2,187.1 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks in millions of bushels (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,279.0 (1,251.6); Canada, 809.2 (726.3); Australia, 114.9 (114.5); and Argentina, 110.9 (94.7).

Exports of wheat and flour, in terms of wheat, from the four major exporting countries for the month of August, 1955, were 65.5 million bushels, 22 per cent greater than the 53.5 million for August, 1954. Canadian exports increased from 19.2 to 22.9 million. Comparable exports from other countries were: United States, an increase from 17.8 to 25.6 million; Argentina, a decrease from 10.7 to 10.4 million; and Australia, an increase from 5.8 to 6.6 million.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States from January 1 to October 15, (1954 figures in brackets) included: slaughter cattle, 10,881 (33,808); feeder cattle, 5,844 (7,492); dairy and purebred cattle, 31,549 (26,083); calves, 4,340 (3,792); hogs, 7,483 (16,462); and sheep and lambs, 7,835 (1,045).

Dressed meat exports to all countries were: beef, 6,720,111 lb. a decrease of 62 per cent from last year; pork, 45,455,110 lb. an increase of 10 per cent; and mutton and lamb, 162,981 lb. compared with 48,617 lb. in the same period for 1954.

DAIRYING:

In the month of September, 1955, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 2,427,179 pounds compared to 2,314,954 pounds for September, 1954, an increase of 4.6 per cent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens in Alberta for September, 1955, were estimated at 3,733,000 compared to 3,442,000 a year ago. More over production per hen increased from 9.6 to 10.2. Total farm production was 3,129,000 dozen in 1955 compared to 2,728,000 in 1954.

CROP ESTIMATES:

November estimates of the 1955 production of principal field crops in Alberta in bushels with latest 1954 estimates in brackets are: wheat, 133,000,000 (105,000,000); oats, 105,000,000 (74,000,000); barley, 100,000,000 (70,000,000); rye, 3,450,000 (4,000,000); flaxseed, 3,000,000 (2,150,000); mixed grains, 5,800,000 (3,084,000); dry peas, 242,000 (144,000); potatoes, 2,450,000 (1,900,000). Estimates on two other crops are now available. In 1955, 52,645,000 pounds of mustard seed were produced compared to 27,733,000 in 1954; and the production of rapeseed was introduced this year with a production of 3,200,000 pounds.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
Deliveries and Loadings:	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of September	1,445	6,440	1,830	1,361	5,536	4,240	323	215	132	434
January - September	50,769	68,639	20,482	8,309	27,895	19,370	2,031	1,833	508	815
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in September:	1.14[1]	1.12[1]	0.49[1]	0.45[1]	0.73[1]	0.66[1]	0.76[2]	0.73[3]	2.37[2]	2.73[3]
					- thousands of dollars -					
Estimated Total Cash Returns:										
Month of September	1,647	7,213	897	612	4,041	2,798	246	157	313	1,185
January - September	57,877	76,876	10,036	4,205	20,363	14,241	1,544	1,394	1,204	2,285
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January -September	13,778	6,631	-	757[4]	-	2,035[4]	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of September	1,647	7,213	897	612	4,041	2,798	246	157	313	1,185
January - September	71,655	83,507	10,036	4,962	20,363	16,276	1,544	1,394	1,204	2,285

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:

	1954	1955
Month of September	$ 7,144,000	$ 11,965,000
January - September	$ 104,802,000	$ 108,424,000

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1. Estimated Canadian Wheat Board initial payments and adjustment payments on grain delivered after December 31.
2. Final estimated price per bushel of the 1953 crop.
3. Average weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations for 3 c.w. rye and 2 c.w. flaxseed respectively for September.
4. Payments on deliveries made prior to January 1, 1955.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER, 1955, AND NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954.

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of September:								
Calgary	20.13	18.54	16.23	16.96	18.14	16.92	23.94	24.14
Edmonton	18.93	18.78	14.96	15.52	17.98	17.39	24.27	24.26
Lethbridge	19.55	18.82	16.48	16.24	17.78	17.06	23.36	23.84
January - September:								
Calgary	18.44	18.31	16.02	16.79	20.17	18.68	30.71	22.56
Edmonton	17.73	18.20	14.97	15.96	20.78	19.30	31.36	23.04
Lethbridge	18.14	18.44	15.95	16.71	19.88	18.46	30.45	22.32

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1954	August 1954	August 1955	Sept. 1955
21.5	26.2	21.0	22.2	22.3

Live Stock price Relationships*

	1933-53	1954	August 1954	August 1955	Sept.1955
Good Steers - B1 Hogs	85.1	82.5	96.8	99.4	100.4
Good Lambs - B1 Hogs	90.2	89.4	94.0	98.2	93.0
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	103.1	101.2	108.0

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER, 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
				- number of head -				
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of September	56,273	55,474	14,212	12,005	9,856	12,119	117,061	121,217
January - September	393,583	420,296	71,484	69,511	80,746	104,198	1,005,675	1,264,557
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of September	13,927	12,848	1,562	1,668	1,838	1,581	-	-
January - September	52,887	59,186	5,679	5,922	3,956	3,690	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of September	42,346	42,626	12,650	10,337	8,018	10,538	117,061	121,217
January - September	340,696	361,110	65,805	63,579	76,790	100,508	1,005,675	1,264,557
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of September	2,720	2,277	806	867	286	199	1,948	1,999
January - September	20,159	19,691	6,184	6,445	1,496	1,427	19,063	19,401
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of September	45,066	44,903	13,456	11,204	8,304	10,737	119,009	123,216
January - September	360,855	380,801	71,989	70,024	78,286	101,935	1,024,738	1,283,958
					- dollars -			
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:								
Month of September	5,793,000	6,497,000	611,000	567,000	126,000	207,000	4,656,000	4,709,000
January - September	50,609,000	54,906,000	3,526,000	3,626,000	1,486,000	1,833,000	51,992,000	45,800,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:

	1954	1955
Month of September	$ 11,186,000	$ 11,980,000
January - September	$ 107,613,000	$ 106,165,000

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FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (AUGUST AND JANUARY-AUGUST) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (SEPTEMBER AND JANUARY-SEPTEMBER) FOR ALBERTA 1954 and 1955

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	AUGUST		JANUARY - AUGUST		AUGUST		JANUARY - AUGUST	
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	3,139	3,455	18,125	18,531	1,821	2,004	10,772	11,023
Dairy Butter	5	5	45.5	35.4	3	3	26	20
Milk for Cheese Making	3,036	2,915	21,879	17,512	71	66	515	399
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	13,793	15,563	95,411	102,644	373	416	2,626	2,788
Milk for Fluid Sales	16,169	17,964	137,188	145,918	747	821	6,318	6,676
TOTAL VALUE -$					3,015	3,310	20,257	20,906

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis.

	SEPTEMBER		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		JANUARY-SEPTEMBER	
POULTRY PRODUCTS:	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dozen -				- dollars-			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations*	876,000	1,085,000	12,521,000	13,135,000	287,000	426,000	3,754,000	3,839,000
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	838,000	1,138,000	3,162,000	4,395,000	166,000	300,000	795,000	1,176,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY - $					453,000	726,000	4,549,000	5,015,000

* In 1953, 56.1 per cent of Alberta eggs and 35.4 per cent of the poultry meat marketed were sold through registered stations.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

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ALBERTA BUREAU OF STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND LABOUR

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	1955 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (September)	1955 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	20,429,825	14,433,382	- 29.4	2,360,712	1,677,642	- 28.9
	- Production	Barrels.	2,169,763	2,133,256	- 1.7	283,505	253,035	- 10.7
		Value $.	20,766,913	19,605,515	- 5.6	2,690,852	2,362,344	- 12.2
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	25,114,328	25,747,313	2.5	3,009,694	3,136,882	4.2
		Value $.	14,498,141	14,854,256	2.5	1,715,526	1,809,981	5.5
Factory Cheese	- Production	Lbs.	2,188,008	1,790,810	- 18.2	199,291	200,270	.5
		Value $.	734,941	582,014	- 20.8	65,766	65,088	- 1.0
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	22,290,243	23,641,816	6.1	2,519,964	2,743,636	8.9
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	87,994,639	93,811,834	6.6	8,757,009	9,697,891	10.7
	- Production	Meat Lbs.	220,167,105	258,823,219	17.6	22,549,219	25,504,715	13.1
		Value $.	66,552,878	66,729,536	.3	5,786,104	6,809,352	17.7
	- Exports	Meat Lbs.	109,031,986	138,988,506	27.5	10,897,170	13,563,057	24.5
		Value $.	32,830,520	35,864,341	9.2	2,796,214	3,621,336	29.5

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - Sep.)	1955 (Jan. - Sep.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (September)	1955 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	3,244,344	2,683,093	- 17.3	374,486	350,623	- 6.4
		Value $.	17,388,237	14,136,042	- 18.7	2,141,766	1,869,247	-12.7
Salt	Production	Tons	22,583	30,043	33.0	2,574	3,136	21.8
Petroleum Products Refined-	Gross Sales	$.	91,997,930	108,664,455	18.1	10,867,760	14,669,449	35.0
Propane	Production	Gallons.	12,055,502	19,903,071	65.1	1,482,796	2,246,499	51.5
	Sales	Gallons.	12,269,478	15,582,103	27.0	1,423,046	1,713,484	20.4
Butane	Production	Gallons.	5,651,971	12,385,485	119.1	747,170	1,500,757	100.9
	Sales	Gallons.	4,568,500	10,131,993	121.8	570,492	937,226	64.3
Sulphur	Production	Tons	14,754	20,230	37.1	1,993	2,178	9.3
	Sales	Tons	13,897	23,235	67.2	2,056	1,463	-28.8
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	1,863,770	2,106,137	13.0	155,472	153,648	- 1.2
Cement & Cement Products -	Gross Sales	$.	11,824,315	12,366,557	4.6	1,770,317	1,599,104	- 9.7
Cement	Production	Barrels.	2,282,880	2,215,240	- 3.0	260,040	251,100	- 3.4
		Value $.	5,796,043	5,545,529	- 4.3	657,901	630,261	- 4.2
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	465,949	534,900	14.8	52,993	63,437	19.7
	Production	Tons	16,279	20,109	23.5	1,769	2,522	42.6
		Value $.	234,189	269,981	15.3	29,444	31,011	5.3

(1) SOURCE: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

		1954 (Jan. - Aug.)	1955 (Jan. - Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (August)	1955 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
Petroleum	(1) Production-Barrels	55,726,137	71,544,568	% 28.4	8,305,826	10,177,337	% 22.5
	Value of Sales $.	146,498,254	174,034,261	18.8	21,314,310	24,807,269	16.4
Natural Gas	(1) Production-M.C.F.	88,123,972	102,677,149	16.5	9,020,235	11,134,810	23.4
Petroleum-Crude (Revised Series)	(2) Imports Barrels	1,056,371	1,296,215	22.7	150,887	222,473	47.4
	Exports Barrels	44,938,510	57,404,189	27.7	5,784,984	7,408,358	28.1
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production-Barrels	13,194,145	14,183,213	7.5	1,731,525	2,215,591#	28.0
	Imports Barrels	227,918	216,459	- 5.0	40,284	26,858	-33.3
	Exports Barrels	3,071,628	3,133,766	2.0	385,430	504,430	30.9
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha	(1) Production-Barrels	428,921	545,739	27.2	48,170	65,450	35.9
	Value of Sales $.	1,266,312*	1,536,595	21.3	144,334*	189,005	30.9

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, August, 1955, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

* Value of naphtha for previous years, not included.

# Composed of 1,175,633 bbls. gasoline; 456,734 bbls. diesel fuel; 3,756 bbls. kerosene; 579,468 bbls. other fuel.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Sep.)	1955 (Jan. - Sep.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (September)	1955 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber-ft.b.m.	294,000,000	349,000,000	18.7	7,300,000	6,000,000	- 17.8
Value $.	11,760,000	13,960,000	18.7	292,000	240,000	- 17.8
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products $.	14,892,000	17,092,000	14.8	364,000	312,000	- 14.3
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped No. of Pelts	991,646	1,660,094	67.4	3,769	9,842	161.1
Value $.	953,797	2,038,520	113.7	4,791	21,539	349.6
	1954 (Jan. - Oct.)	1955 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.)	1954 (October)	1955 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Bank Clearings $	3,645,065,746	4,404,660,735(a)	20.8	445,901,053	479,454,982	7.5

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Aug.)	1955 (Jan. - Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (August)	1955 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Bank Debits (1) Value $.	5,974,504,000	6,334,565,000	6.0	713,625,000	892,108,000	25.0
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2) No.	23,045	26,093	13.2	2,090	3,379	61.7
Value $.	59,543,000	69,629,000	16.9	5,518,000	9,188,000	66.5
Customs' Duty Receipts $.	9,672,174	10,041,062	3.8	1,261,835	1,571,881	24.6
Electric Power - Consumption (3) K.W.Hrs.	967,711,000	1,086,685,000	12.3	119,420,000	136,482,000	14.3

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 32, No. 8, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVII, No. 8, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(30) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 23, No. 8, 1955, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(a) Amended.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

BUILDING PERMITS:		1954 (Jan. - Sep.)	1955 (Jan. - Sep.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (September)	1955 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	2,964	4,031	36.0	510	445	- 12.7
	Value $.	32,897,101	47,847,577	45.4	5,095,585	6,587,739	29.3
EDMONTON	Number	6,192	6,052	- 2.3	905	1,006	11.2
	Value $.	57,709,458	48,797,260	- 15.4	5,295,645	5,997,604	13.3
LETHBRIDGE	Number	648	648	-	81	89	9.9
	Value $.	7,018,961	5,225,844	- 25.5	1,433,750	474,900	- 66.9
MEDICINE HAT	Number	393	354	- 9.9	66	40	- 39.4
	Value $.	2,084,599	21,818,840	946.7	366,650	353,550	- 3.6
RED DEER	Number	272	293	7.7	49	40	- 18.4
	Value $.	2,207,900	3,742,338	69.5	437,550	961,200	119.7
DRUMHELLER	Number	50	47	- 6.0	7	6	- 14.3
	Value $.	304,273	196,578	- 35.4	17,550	10,930	- 37.7
WETASKIWIN	Number	114	53	- 53.5	23	11	- 52.2
	Value $.	573,580	304,100	- 47.0	125,550	24,450	- 80.5
CAMROSE	Number	129	102	- 20.9	14	9	- 35.7
	Value $.	1,018,980	1,248,540	22.5	213,300	30,200	- 85.8
TOTAL (8 CITIES) - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	10,762	11,580	7.6	1,655	1,646	- .5
	VALUE $.	103,814,852	129,181,077	24.4	12,985,580	14,440,573	11.2
TOTAL (169 Towns & Villages)	VALUE $.	12,585,527	16,798,472*	33.5	1,213,586	2,683,173	121.1

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA:(1)		1954 (Jan. - Sep.)	1955 (Jan. - Sep.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (September)	1955 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	4,049	5,528	36.5	634	858	35.3
	Value $.	41,962,300	53,303,300	27.0	7,281,100	7,743,300	6.3
BUSINESS	Number	573	547	- 4.5	91	87	- 4.4
	Value $.	61,606,000	44,885,800	- 27.1	9,292,200	5,597,000	- 39.8
INDUSTRIAL	Number	65	47	- 27.7	8	10	25.0
	Value $.	22,713,600	25,339,300	11.6	333,000	19,793,800	5,844.1
ENGINEERING	Number	202	212	5.0	29	24	- 17.2
	Value $.	44,215,700	35,131,600	- 20.5	2,791,400	1,172,800	- 58.0
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	4,889	6,334	29.6	762	979	28.5
	VALUE $.	170,497,600	158,660,000	- 6.9	19,697,700	34,306,900	74.2

(1) SOURCE: Building Reporter, October, 1955, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.
* Adjustment.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Oct.)	1955 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (October)	1955 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	598,054	651,611	9.0	33,432	33,938	1.5
Elk Island - - - - - - - - - - -	151,382	172,606	14.0	3,000	3,000	-
Jasper - - - - - - - - - - - - -	119,046	152,016	27.7	1,702	3,506	106.0
Waterton Lakes - - - - - - - - -	219,621	226,078	2.9	11.761	8,604	- 26.8
T O T A L - - - - - - - - -	1,088,103	1,202,311	10.5	49,895	49,048	- 1.7

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	1955 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (September)	1955 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	282	296	5.0	32	53	65.6
Carway - - - - - - - - - - - - -	15,792	20,752	31.4	1,498	2,116	41.3
Chief Mountain - - - - - - - - -	11,363	12,234	7.7	982	1,259	28.2
Coutts - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33,026	40,125	21.5	3,441	6,072	76.5
Del Bonita - - - - - - - - - - -	1,043	1,061	1.7	183	209	14.2
Wild Horse - - - - - - - - - - -	631	761	20.6	110	126	14.5
T O T A L - - - - - - - - -	62,137	75,229	21.1	6,246	9,835	57.5

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(1) SOURCE: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Sept.)	1955 (Jan. - Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (September)	1955 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	61,278,198	72,767,342	18.7	4,680,686	7,413,678	58.4
Boots and Shoes	2,035,479	2,923,703	43.6	217,871	385,376	76.9
Drugs	6,024,056	6,027,261	.1	401,966	410,757	2.2
Dry Goods	8,155,388	8,539,978	4.7	1,057,260	1,260,988	19.3
Electrical Appliances and Radios	32,862,987	35,382,376	7.7	3,303,956	4,047,680	22.5
Florists	509,071	590,739	16.0	42,104	46,894	11.4
Furniture	2,280,687	2,353,029	3.2	277,684	295,106	6.3
Groceries (including Fruits & Vegetables)	115,885,765	121,886,170	5.2	13,299,157	14,335,300	7.8
Hardware	52,697,466	53,546,630	1.6	6,051,008	6,183,081	2.2
Lumber and Building Supplies	38,075,276	44,819,552	17.7	5,380,872	6,240,805	16.0
Machinery, Agricultural	29,415,582	30,102,181	2.3	3,111,414	4,618,759	48.4
Machinery, Other	14,039,396	14,989,907	6.8	1,500,690	1,667,712	11.1
Paints and Varnishes	6,383,518	6,800,655	6.5	638,780	715,916	12.1
Paper	6,761,677	7,014,316	3.7	752,864	884,631	17.5
Tobacco	14,724,791	15,224,201	3.4	1,604,424	1,654,525	3.1
Oilfield Supplies	8,060,192	10,015,074	24.3	449,892	1,420,124	215.7
Carbonated Beverages	9,174,194	9,480,166	3.3	959,515	907,593	- 5.4
Miscellaneous	41,299,218	44,274,087	7.2	4,490,315	5,309,493	18.2
TOTAL	449,662,941	486,737,367	8.2	48,220,458	57,798,418	19.9
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	102,629,558	110,581,305	7.7	10,662,919	12,452,123	16.8
Edmonton	109,938,877	117,739,620	7.1	13,668,193	15,852,768	16.0
Lethbridge	10,473,323	10,330,384	- 1.4	1,073,440	1,310,826	22.1
Medicine Hat	1,445,543	1,583,030	9.5	206,303	315,312	52.8
Smaller Centres	7,030,700	7,949,019	13.1	713,234	795,631	11.6
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	218,144,940	238,554,009	9.4	21,896,369	27,071,758	23.6
TOTAL	449,662,941	486,737,367	8.2	48,220,458	57,798,418	19.9

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Aug.)	1955 (Jan. - Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (August)	1955 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	593,762,000[a]	620,432,000	4.5	77,656,000[a]	87,963,000	13.3
Grocery and Combination Stores - - -	87,177,000	89,610,000	2.8	11,294,000	11,692,000	3.5
Other Food and Beverage Stores - - -	37,301,000	36,480,000	- 2.2	4,529,000	4,497,000	- .7
General Stores - - - - - - - - - - - -	35,627,000	34,744,000	- 2.5	4,303,000	4,679,000	8.7
Department Stores - - - - - - - - - -	60,189,000	63,792,000	6.0	7,488,000	8,379,000	11.9
Variety Stores - - - - - - - - - - - -	6,906,000	7,500,000	8.6	912,000	1,045,000	14.6
Motor Vehicle Dealers - - - - - - - -	124,653,000	139,982,000	12.3	14,739,000	19,706,000	33.7
Garage and Filling Stations - - - -	37,286,000	38,283,000	2.7	5,072,000	5,209,000	2.7
Men's Clothing Stores - - - - - - - -	8,626,000	8,929,000	3.5	1,020,000	1,060,000	3.9
Family Clothing Stores - - - - - - -	6,617,000	6,620,000	-	866,000	925,000	6.8
Women's Clothing Stores - - - - - - -	10,979,000	10,749,000	-2.1	1,518,000	1,541,000	1.5
Shoe Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3,319,000	3,445,000	3.8	375,000	410,000	9.3
Hardware Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	15,193,000	15,821,000	4.1	2,159,000	2,478,000	14.8
Lumber & Building Material Dealers -	32,118,000	31,961,000	- .5	5,626,000	5,998,000	6.6
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores-	15,922,000	19,711,000	23.8	1,666,000	2,213,000	32.8
Restaurants - - - - - - - - - - - - -	22,528,000	20,728,000	-8.0	3,398,000	3,177,000	- 6.5
Fuel Dealers - - - - - - - - - - - - -	358,000	317,000	-11.5	25,000	24,000	- 4.0
Drug Stores - - - - - - - - - - - - -	13,216,000	13,217,000	-	1,550,000	1,656,000	6.8
Jewellery Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	3,879,000	4,011,000	3.4	542,000	614,000	13.3
Miscellaneous - - - - - - - - - - - -	71,873,000	74,532,000	3.7	10,568,000	12,660,000	19.8

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

SOURCE: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVII, No. 8, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending August 31, 1955

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 55, No. 9, September,1955)

Further employment expansion occurred in the Prairie region during August. Sizeable additions to the labour force prevented widespread labour shortages but supplies of farm workers, construction tradesmen and professional engineers were tight in some areas. Labour requirements appeared to be approaching their seasonal peak by the end of August; in each of the preceding two years the peak was reached in July. Farm help particularly was in heavy demand during the month as a result of a better-than-average grain crop, which was being harvested somewhat earlier than usual.

In the non-farm sector, employment continued at a higher level than a year earlier as oil exploration and development, construction and related industries continued expanding.

CALGARY (metropolitan). By the end of the month this area approached the shortage category. In almost all occupations the supply of suitable workers was scarce but grain harvesting was the only one in which the shortage was acute. Vacancies either exceeded or about equalled registrations for employment for bricklayers, painters, plasterers, engineers, draftsmen, clerks, service workers and metal-workers.

EDMONTON (metropolitan). Labour shortages developed during the month largely because of intensified activity in the construction industry; bricklayers, carpenters, cement finishers, plasterers and construction labourers were in short supply. The supply of sawmill workers was insufficient to meet local requirements because of more lucrative employment available in the B. C. mills and in local construction and oil mining. Female stenographers, typists and service workers were scarce and there was a definite shortage of farm help for the grain harvest.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 1st of August, 1955, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the Province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At AUGUST 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Aug. 1 1954	Aug. 1 1955	Aug. 1 1954 $	Aug. 1 1955 $	Aug. 1 1955
Mining	111.0	118.2	74.57	80.65	18,365
Coal	48.4	37.8	50.71	52.55	3,051
Oil	191.9	224.4	80.90	85.70	13,922
Manufacturing	135.1	141.9	59.82	62.56	28,664
Foods and Beverages	127.9	130.4	57.05	60.33	9,588
Meat Products	124.6	132.8	64.21	67.15	4,220
Wood Products	108.5	108.0	47.50	49.75	2,875
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	108.0	108.6	57.75	60.96	1,231
Iron and Steel Products	144.7	159.1	67.22	69.02	2,949
Transportation Equipment	132.8	136.5	61.34	59.03	4,037
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	153.2	156.6	58.01	61.07	2,464
Products of Petroleum and Coal	143.0	167.0	78.04	84.73	1,600
Construction	215.5	214.7	65.79	66.72	23,814
Buildings and Structures (k)	205.7	235.2	69.98	70.35	14,488
Highways, Bridges and Streets	227.6	189.0	61.13	61.07	9,326
Transportation, Storage, Communication	118.9	121.3	63.86	65.85	25,263
Steam Railways	106.5	105.1	66.95	67.66	14,057
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	143.1	151.0	65.35	70.17	3,894
Storage	111.3	116.1	54.38	54.47	2,710
Trade	127.6	136.1	52.69	54.25	27,190
Wholesale	129.1	135.8	56.79	59.39	9,290
Retail	126.8	136.2	50.52	51.59	17,900
Service	166.8	180.3	36.96	38.77	10,576
Hotels and Restaurants	161.2	174.8	34.50	35.23	7,173
Industrial Composite	137.0	142.6	60.17	62.43	143,844

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, August, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

At AUGUST 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Aug. 1 1954	Aug. 1 1955	Aug. 1 1954 $	Aug. 1 1955 $	Aug. 1 1955
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	122.7	133.4	63.26	63.30	10,042
Foods and Beverages	116.0	123.6	61.67	63.32	3,101
Transportation Equipment	125.5	128.6	62.96	57.36	2,352
Construction	199.7	234.1	67.87	63.38	4,644
Wholesale Trade	123.5	127.2	57.19	58.92	3,954
Retail Trade	127.6	139.2	51.64	52.87	7,009
Industrial Composite	140.1	152.0	58.70	59.76	37,289
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	149.3	157.3	60.64	63.96	11,684
Foods and Beverages	132.0	136.4	60.00	63.58	4,134
Meat Products	130.3	139.2	62.83	65.79	2,849
Construction	184.7	235.0	68.27	74.68	9,356
Wholesale Trade	144.0	157.1	56.38	60.21	3,973
Retail Trade	128.3	139.2	50.72	51.24	8,089
Industrial Composite	150.0	165.3	57.88	61.64	42,029

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, August, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At AUGUST 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Aug. 1 1954	Aug. 1 1955	Aug. 1 1954 ¢	Aug. 1 1955 ¢	Aug. 1 1954 $	Aug. 1 1955 $	Aug. 1 1955
Coal Mining - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	25.7	27.1	181.1	180.0	46.54	48.78	2,414
Oil and Natural Gas Production - - - - - - - - -	43.7	45.8	171.9	176.0	75.12	80.61	4,821
Manufacturing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	39.9	39.8	144.5	150.4	57.66	59.86	20,330
Foods and Beverages - - - - - - - - - - - -	39.4	39.7	138.3	143.3	54.49	56.89	6,509
Meat Products - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	38.8	38.7	154.8	159.5	60.06	61.73	3,028
Transportation Equipment - - - - - - - - -	38.8	36.7	153.3	154.6	59.48	56.74	3,213
Buildings and Structures (h) - - - - - - - - - -	42.4	41.4	160.8	166.1	68.18	68.77	11,434
Electric and Motor Transportation (i) - - - - -	41.2	43.9	149.3	153.8	61.51	67.52	2,121
Services (j) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	42.2	41.2	80.8	81.6	34.10	33.62	5,869

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, August, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.